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THE WHITE HOUSE SCHEDULE PROPOSAL
 WASHINGTON Date: February 16, 1976
 FROM: Brent Scowcroft
 VIA: William Nicholsor

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MEETING: With Mohammad Naim, Brother of and
 Principal Foreign Policy Advisor to
 President Daoud of Afghanistan.

DATE: At your convenience during a visit by Naim
 to Washington later this spring.

PURPOSE: To demonstrate US interest in strengthening
 relations with Afghanistan. Naim would be
 the first high-level visitor from Kabul since
 the late 1960's.

FORMAT: - Oval Office call
 - 20 minutes

CABINET PARTICIPATION: Secretary Kissinger

SPEECH MATERIAL: Talking points would be provided through
 the NSC.

PRESS COVERAGE: Meeting to be announced; White House photo.

STAFF: Brent Scowcroft

RECOMMEND: Brent Scowcroft

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

BACKGROUND: The Afghans have expressed increased
 interest in strengthening the dialogue
 with the US. Therefore, Secretary
 Kissinger is inviting Naim, as President
 Daoud's key foreign policy advisor and
 closest confidant, to Washington for official
 talks later this spring. He believes, as I
 do, that it would be highly useful if you
 could meet briefly with Naim to underscore



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our mutual interest in improved relations with Afghanistan, particularly since this is the first opportunity for a high-level Afghan official to be here in some years. The Afghans have let it be known that they would regard a meeting with you as the linchpin of Naim's consultations.

I believe that a meeting with you would encourage Afghanistan to seek pro-Western alternatives to its close past relationship with the USSR and to play a moderating rather than trouble-making role in South Asia. Recently, the Afghans have shown a decided interest in improving relations with the US and Iran. They have also been playing a more constructive role in non-aligned and third world issues, including in the UN. This is a trend we want to encourage.

I recommend you agree in principle to meet briefly with Naim during his prospective visit.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

